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Announcements

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NEW!

U.S. Party/Case Index on the Internet

The PACER Service Center is pleased to introduce our new website for the U.S. Party/Case Index

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Features of the new website include 1) the ability to search by particular district rather than by whole state, 2) for some courts, the ability to access the docket of a located case by linking to the court's website, 3) the ability to limit search results by entering a case filed date range, and 4) for civil cases, the ability to search by party name and nature of suit code. Moreover, searches are faster and the overall data is more reliable.

The charge for Internet access to the U.S. Party/Case Index is \$.07 per page of search results. Every search will incur a minimum charge of \$.07. A Review Billing History option is available for reviewing charges.

NOTE: The charge for viewing a linked docket will not appear in the Review Billing History option of the U.S. Party/Case Index. The charge will appear at the linked court's Review Billing History option.

Universal Login

Users of PACER on the Internet will have the added convenience of a Universal Login feature. This feature will allow a user to login at one PACER site on the Internet and move to other PACER sites without having to login again as long as the browser remains open. However, if the browser is closed, it will be necessary to login again. A cookie enabled browser is required for the Universal Login to work.

PSC Website Update

PACER users may now access Account Information at the PACER Service Center website

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This feature enables PACER users to obtain account balance information, review billing history, and change passwords. Visitors can obtain PACER information, FAQs, online registration, sample data, user manuals and documents, modem numbers, and links to PACER websites. As PACER courts become available on the Internet, links to those sites will be added. There is no charge for accessing the PSC website.



Internet Access Charges

As of October 1, 1999, an access fee of \$.07 per page viewed, as approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States at its September 1998 session, is assessed for access to PACER service on the Internet. Dial-up PACER is still available; the charge remains \$.60 per minute.

NOTE: The \$.07 per page fee and the \$.60 per minute fee are separate. Access to dial-up PACER will produce a per minute charge while web access will produce a per page charge. Users will NOT incur both per minute and per page charges for a PACER session. See the next column for a description of how a page is determined.

What is a page?

Generally, a page is defined as 54 lines of data. When charges are accrued, a transaction receipt will appear at the bottom of each html document. This will indicate the number of pages billed for that particular transaction. Charges will be produced for docket reports, search results, and images.

Docket reports are generated with form feeds or page breaks marking each page from the courts' case management system. The number of form feeds or page breaks within each docket are counted and used to determine the number of pages for a particular docket sheet before the document is reformatted for display as an html document. A docket sheet may contain pages with more or less than 54 lines. **NOTE:** Form feeds and page breaks will not appear in the html formatted document displayed on the screen.

Search results are also billed at the rate of 54 lines per page. Each hit is considered one line. The lines are counted from the raw data files before they are formatted for display as an html document on the screen.

In the future, some PACER web sites will offer **images** of documents filed in the court. These images will be billed according to the number of pages scanned; therefore, each scanned page equals one billable page.

If information retrieved from a PACER web site is printed, the print job will not always match the number of pages billed. The number of pages printed is dependent on individual printer and browser settings. All users are equally charged for the same information regardless of the browser settings or printer configurations. A transaction receipt and the Review Billing History option are provided in each court site for reviewing charges.

Internet Access to PACER

The following PACER systems have established Internet sites:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California	<i>pacer.casb.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida	<i>pacer.flsd.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana	<i>pacer.laed.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana	<i>pacer.laeb.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. District Court for the District of Maine	<i>pacer.med.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for District of South Carolina	<i>pacer.scb.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas	<i>pacer.txnd.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas	<i>pacer.txnb.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas	<i>pacer.txs.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit	<i>pacer.ca6.uscourts.gov</i>
U.S. Party/Case Index	<i>pacer.uspci.uscourts.gov</i>
PACER Service Center	<i>pacer.psc.uscourts.gov</i>

Use your assigned PACER login and password. If you are not registered to access these courts, contact the PACER Service Center at (800) 676-6856. To obtain a PACER Web Version User Manual, visit one of the above sites. Online help is available.

Important Notice

Not all federal courts participate in the U.S. Party/Case Index. The courts that are listed under the "Courts not on Index" option do not have data available on the U.S. Party/Case Index. For a complete nationwide search, those courts need to be searched individually. In some instances, the data on the court's PACER system may be more current than what is available on the U.S. Party/Case Index. Use the "Date Range" option to determine the currency of data from each court on the U.S. Party/Case Index.

Software Required for VAWBK

The Roanoke, Lynchburg, and Harrisonburg divisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia have made system changes. As a result of these changes, pcAnywhere software (versions 7.5 or earlier) is now required to access these divisions. Upon connection using the Remote Control option, enter the additional password **anywhere**. At the next password prompt, enter **public**.

A listing of toll free numbers is available at pacer.psc.uscourts.gov

General Info

The PACER Service Center will be closed November 11 and 25 for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays, and December 24 and 31 for Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

The PACER Service Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm CST.

PACER accepts VISA, Mastercard, and Discover credit cards. For remittance by credit card, contact the PACER Service Center at (800) 676-6856.

The next quarterly statement will be sent mid-January. Please plan accordingly.

PACER email address:
pacer@aottd.uscourts.gov

Quarterly Statement

The next quarterly statements will contain both time-based and page-based transactions. Sorted by court, dial-up transactions will be listed first; Internet transactions will follow. Moreover, page-based transactions will appear on the statement subtotaled for each client each day. For a detail of all page-based transactions, visit the PACER Service Center website.

Year 2000 Compliance

The PACER Service Center continues to receive many letters and surveys concerning the year 2000 (Y2K) compliance issue. We regret that we are unable to respond to these individually. However, we would like to inform users that technical staff and management have been working on the conversion to ensure readiness for the Y2K deadline on all systems within the judiciary. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts has developed a PACER program that is Y2K compliant. Each court maintains an individual schedule as to when to install the Y2K compliant version of PACER. Users should notice no changes with the Y2K release of PACER for either district or bankruptcy courts. In order to continue utilizing PACER into the next century, users will need to ensure the communication software and the computer used to access PACER are Y2K compliant. The PACER Service Center can not assist users in a determination of Y2K compliance for their office's internal systems or software.

CACBK WebPACER Update

Inter-divisional access to WebPACER for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California has been eliminated. All users except those in the Northern Division (Santa Barbara) will be required to dial each division directly in order to gain access to WebPACER for that division. Users requiring access to cases in the Northern Division only will be required to dial the Los Angeles Division. The telephone numbers and IP addresses for each division's WebPACER is as follows:

Los Angeles	800 257-3887	156.131.137.252
& Santa Barbara		
San Fernando	800 838-2479	156.131.45.56
Riverside	888 819-0233	156.131.39.252
Santa Ana	714 338-5406	156.131.41.252

If you require assistance setting up your computer to dial multiple divisions, consult the court's web site www.cacb.uscourts.gov for instructions or refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) option.